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MARITIME EXPEDITIONARY SECURITY FORCE (MESF)

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Reference	(a) 18 U.S.G. § 922 (b) MCM 2008 ed (c) OPNAVINST 6110.1H
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1. **Purpose.** To promulgate qualification requirements and assignment policies for personnel ordered to duty in the Maritime Expeditionary Security Force (MESF).

2. **Program Background**

a. MESF consists of 2 maritime expeditionary security groups (MESG) and 13 maritime expeditionary security squadrons (MSRON). MESGs provide ready MESFs for assignment to combatant commanders in response to force requirements. MESGs will organize, man, train, maintain and equip MSRONS.

b. MESGs are echelon IV commanders under Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC) and report to the NECC for administrative matters and report to fleet commanders for operational matters. MESGs have administrative control of MSRONS for purposes of establishing and implementing policies and requirements for fleet response training plan (including Navy expeditionary combat enterprise matters) to include manning, equipping, and training.

c. MSRON Mission: To provide MESG commanders, fleet commanders, and Navy component commanders planning, administration, direction, and training of highly mobile, fully capable, and equipped active and reserve forces to deploy as complete squadrons or task-organized units capable of exercising tactical control of assigned C2, waterborne, and landward security assets in order to provide perimeter defense, surveillance, patrol, escort, and interdiction in ports, harbors, and other militarily significant coastal and inshore areas. Provide critical infrastructure and high value asset protection both on land and at sea. Provide centralized planning, control, coordination, and integration of MESF assets for force protection in support of missions as assigned by combatant commanders.

(1) MSRONs have an integral C2 capability resident in their staff structures to ensure the readiness and maintenance of resident command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence (C4I) capabilities. MSRONs are also capable of providing and maintaining a tactical picture in support of large expeditionary operations, asset protection, and harbor defense/port security in the littoral environment through the use of associated communications and various ground, surface, and subsurface sensors and unmanned/unattended vehicles in the near shore littoral environment.

(2) Inherent in each MSRON is a waterborne security capability that is made up of boat detachments (BOATDET). The boat detachment will provide waterborne interdiction and surveillance assets to the security/antiterrorism officer, seaward security officer, or harbor defense commander in expeditionary operations. BOATDETs routinely operate with other MESF assets and other USN, joint, coalition, and host nation forces. BOATDETs may be assigned within the unified and/or allied command structure.

(3) MSRONs also contain an inherent landward security capability that is made up of security detachments (SECDETs). SECDETs provide intra/inter-theater security and protection of Navy assets (USN, Military Sealift Command (MSC), or commercial contract vessels) in transit, ports, or harbors, and at anchorage. The SECDET will provide landward security assets to the landward security officer in expeditionary operations. SECDETs will be capable of providing embarked security teams on MSC ships; aircraft security teams; visit, board, search, and

seizure teams; and control entry control points. SECDETs may operate with other MESF assets; or other USN, joint, coalition, and host nation forces. SECDETs may be assigned within the unified and/or allied command structure.

3. **Boat Operations**. Duty may require high tempo boat operations on high-speed patrol craft.

4. **Tour Length**. Tour length will be 36 months, or the prescribed Sea/Shore Flow tour, whichever is longer.

5. **Requirements/Qualifications**

a. **Firearms**. The 1996 Lautenberg Amendment to the Gun Control Act of 1968 (reference (a)) prohibits access to firearms by any person, including military personnel, who has a qualifying misdemeanor crime of domestic violence conviction. The Department of Defense (DoD) expanded qualifying convictions to include felony convictions, including special and general courts-martial convictions. Reference (b) provides further guidance on qualifying convictions. Any conviction of a domestic violence charge makes personnel ineligible for this program.

b. **Eligible Ratings**. The following ratings are currently eligible for assignment (subject to additions and deletions):

BM	Boatswain's Mate
CM	Construction Mechanic
EM	Electrician's Mate
EN	Engineman
EO	Equipment Operator
ET	Electronics Technician
GM	Gunner's Mate
HM	Hospital Corpsman
IC	Interior Communications Electrician
IS	Intelligence Specialist
IT	Information Systems Technician
LS	Logistics Specialist
MA	Master-at-Arms
OS	Operations Specialist
PS	Personnel Specialist
QM	Quartermaster

STG	Sonar Technician (Surface)
YN	Yeoman
9517	3M Coordinator

c. **Minimum Requirements.** Prospective members of the maritime expeditionary security force shall meet the following minimum requirements:

(1) Eligible for a SECRET clearance. (Non-waiverable.)

(2) Possesses a valid U.S. driver's license.
(Non-waiverable.)

(3) Obtain official and tourist passports (fee incurred obtaining a tourist passport will be reimbursed upon reporting to command).

d. **Physical Standards**

(1) Personnel must have passed 3 consecutive physical fitness assessments (PFAs) per standards promulgated per reference (c), with no waivers of any event of these 3 PFAs (non-waiverable). If a member is completing a period of limited duty, the member must complete and pass a PFA with no waiver of any events.

(2) All personnel shall qualify as a Second Class Swimmer prior to permanent change of station (PCS) orders being executed (waiverable).

e. **Obligated Service (OBLISERV).** Required OBLISERV for this program is 36 months. Individuals qualified for a special program shall have the required obligated service (OBLISERV) to complete the normal tour of duty.

(1) Careerists with 17 or more years of active service will not be authorized to transfer to the Fleet Reserve prior to completing the minimum tour of duty. NAVPERS 1070-613 Administrative Remarks entry shall be made certifying the member both understands and agrees.

(2) Member who does not have the required OBLISERV must either reenlist or extend prior to transfer.

6. **Screening**. Personnel are required to maintain qualification in various tactical and crew served weapons, make time-critical use of deadly force decisions, and operate independently or with little or no supervision. Therefore, it is imperative the following requirements are met:

a. Satisfactorily complete operational screening requirements per MILPERSMAN 1300-800.

b. Complete sections A, B, C, D2, D3, and D4 of NAVPERS 1306/92 Special Programs Screening form and Exhibit 1 of MILPERSMAN article 1306-900. In addition to interview required by command financial specialist in Section C, all personnel must qualify for and maintain eligibility for a Government travel charge card (GTCC). Loss of eligibility for a GTCC may result in disqualification and subsequent termination from MESF.